GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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RESERVED VACANCIES
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to issue instructions to keep the posts reserved for SCs/ STs vacant on non-availability of a suitable candidate from these categories instead of filling the same from the candidates belonging to other backward classes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have received any representations from the Members of Parliament and other social organizations during the last three years till date in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a),(b)&(c): There is no proposal or instruction to fill posts reserved for SCs/STs by candidates belonging to other backward classes, if SC/ST candidates are not available.

(d),(e)&(f): The drafting committee constituted during the three day convention of Members of Parliament belonging to Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes recommended in December, 1999 that posts reserved for SCs and STs should be filled up only by candidates belonging to these communities and in case of non-availability of candidates among SCs/STs, these vacancies/posts should be exchanged between these communities.

Existing instructions also provide that as far as possible posts reserved for SCs and STs should be filled up only by candidates belonging to these communities and that in case of non-availability of candidates among SCs or STs, these vacancies/posts exchanged between these communities.